

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 3 beginning on line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Figures 5 –8, the insert member 60 is formed from a plate having a thickness which is greater than the thickness of the tension mask 30 and is profiled to have a mask receiving edge 43 and a back surface 61. A central tab receiving opening 62 is preferably formed around a centerline C which is centrally located along the length of the insert member 60. It should be understood by those reasonably skilled in the art that although it is preferred to have a single central tab-receiving opening around the centerline C, this central tab receiving opening may alternately consist of a plurality of central tab receiving openings located in the vicinity of the center line C. A plurality of outer tab receiving openings 64 each being dimensioned to be larger than the central tab- receiving opening 62 extends in a row outward from the central tab receiving opening 62. The support blade member 40 is assembled as best shown in Figure 5 by first urging the insert-securing tabs 51 though the central and outer tab receiving openings 62, 64 of the insert member 60. The first half 41 along with the insert member 60 are then fastened to the second half 45 such that the projections 47 fit into recesses 53 and projections 55 fit into recesses 49. Similarly, the narrow portions 54 of the insert-securing tabs 51 fit into recesses 68. Each of the respective projections 47, 55, 66, and insert-securing tabs 51 may then be preferably fastened to each other as for example, by welding. The first and second halves 41, 45 may alternatively be secured to each other by an interference fit between the projections 47, 55, 66 and the recesses 49, 53, 68 or by selectively welding portions of each half. Alternatively, the first and second halves 41, 45 may be constructed of one piece so as to be folded and secured along each edge with insert-securing tabs 51 and recesses 68.